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MONTHLY NEWS BULLETIN

News of the Sections

Rocky Mountain Section: Secretary Dana E. Kepner writes as follows:

"You will be interested to know that the program committee of the Rocky Mountain Section met recently at Raton, New Mexico, and outlined the program for our meeting to be held October 26, 27 and 28 at Denver.

"This will be the Rocky Mountain Section's sixth annual meeting and will include, as the fifth annual meeting did last year, two days of water works school with one day of typical convention. Papers and discussions on the program this year will be less stereotyped than at our meetings in the past: we plan to go more thoroughly into a few important subjects this time rather than covering many general subjects rather hurriedly as we have been inclined to do in the past.

"The program committee consists of Paul S. Fox, Sante Fe, New Mexico, B. V. Howe, Denver, Colorado, G. C. Culbertson, Section Chairman, Raton, New Mexico, and Dana E. Kepner, Section Secretary, ex-officio, Denver, Colorado.

At the request of the Association's Committee on Water Works Betterments, Secretary Little sent out the following letter to Mayors of all cities in the United States with a population of 50,000 or over. To such of these cities that have privately owned water works, this

letter was sent to both the Mayor of the city and the manager of the water company. It was also mailed to scores of cities and water companies who wrote to the Association's headquarters office, or who have been reported to us during the last seven months as desiring assistance along the lines of applying for Federal aid as covered by the Emergency Relief and Construction Act to promote their water works projects. We believe it is the urgent duty of all of us in the American Water Works Association to do all we can to promote the initiation of water works betterments projects by means of Federal aid.

"The American Water Works Association wishes to call to your attention the provisions embodied in the Emergency Relief and Construction Act which has just been enacted by the Congress of the United States which, among other things, extends credit through the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to cities and private companies which wish to launch construction projects that will be 'self-liquidating,' that is, projects the cost of which will be returned by rents, tolls, or other charges. This affords an opportunity for cities and water companies to take advantage of the provision for borrowing the money required for construction work from the Government, and thereby permitting the work to be financed at more reasonable rates of

interest than has been possible this year.

"The American Water Works Association is especially interested in seeing water works betterments projects launched at this time, first to provide work for the unemployed in this period of dire need, and second in view of the fact that since the early part of 1931, owing to general difficulties in financing such projects, water works betterments have been on a scale considerably smaller than normal.

"The American Water Works Association has a membership of 2660, includes the leading water superintendents of this country and by means of constant exchange of knowledge among these men it is known that nearly every city has water works betterments which are needed to provide improvement in pressures in certain parts of the systems for better domestic supply of water and for better fire protection. It is also known that many communities have supplies inadequate both as to quantity and quality and that they need new or additional water supplies and purification works.

"Water works properties are outstanding examples of self-liquidating public works and for that reason the right to borrow money for construction of water facilities has been extended to private corporations owning and operating water works. An unprecedented opportunity for great service to the Nation in the present emergency is thus presented to all men in charge of water works. It is expected of us that we will carry forward immediately all needed water works betterments and extensions with the money available in the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to provide employment and stimulate trade recovery to the full extent contemplated in the enactment of the Emergency Relief and Construction Act. Now it is time for those in charge of water works to play a major part in bringing our country out of a depression for which there is no longer an excuse.

"It is well known that construction costs are at present very low so that good value is returned for every dollar spent and water works betterments projects create employment for many men, not only on the construction contracts but also back at the mines, mills and shops from which the material and equipment come for such work."

News of the Manufacturers

American Rolling Mill Company, Middletown, O.: Their booklet "Long Service from Armeo Ingot Iron Pipe" covers spiral welded pipe. It is well illustrated.

Automatic Cone Valve Company, Mattoon, Ill.: Recent literature covers their hydrants and "Automatic Cone Valves."

International Filter Company, Chicago, Ill.: Their recent literature explains "Infilco Hydrodarco Purifier." Hydrodarco is an activated carbon manufactured to meet the particular requirements of water purification. They also advise as follows: "The Infilco DMO Sterilizer provides accurate and proportional feeding of chlorine sterilizing solution to relatively small quantities of water. It is absolutely automatic in operation and requires no attention other than that of periodically replenishing the supply of sterilizing solution." The following equipment is also covered: Infilco Style "B" Pressure Filters, International Disk Filters, International Type "J" Water Softener, Infilco Crystalite Water Softener and Infilco Water Still.

Coming Meetings

September 15-16—MINNESOTA SECTION to be held at St. Cloud, Minn. Secretary, R. M. Finch, Wallace & Tiernan Co., Inc., 614 Flour Exchange Bldg., Minneapolis, Minn.

September 22-23—CENTRAL STATES SECTION to be held at Hotel Lawrence, Erie, Pa. Secretary, B. J. Lechner, Secretary & Treasurer, Commissioners of Water Works, 701 French St., Erie, Pa.

October 6-7—NEW YORK SECTION.
(City to be selected later.) Secretary, R. K. Blanchard, Neptune Meter Co., 50 E. 42nd St., New York, N. Y.

October 25-27—MISSOURI VALLEY SECTION to be held at Sioux City, Ia. Secretary, E. L. Waterman, Prof. of Sanitary Engineering, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Ia.

October 26-28—ROCKY MOUNTAIN SECTION to be held at Denver, Colo. Secretary, Dana E. Kepner, Pacific States Cast Iron Pipe Co., 226 Continental Oil Bldg., Denver, Colo.

October 26-29—CALIFORNIA SECTION to be held at Coronado Beach, Calif. Secretary, R. F. Brown, California Water Service Co., Stockton, Calif.

October 31-November 1-2—NORTH CAROLINA SECTION to be held at Hotel Robert Lee, Winston-Salem, N. C. Secretary, H. G. Baity, Prof. of Sanitary & Municipal Engineering, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N. C.

Fall—WISCONSIN SECTION to be held at Appleton, Wis. (Dates to be selected later.) Secretary, L. A. Smith, Supt. of Water Works, City Hall, Madison, Wis.

June 12-16, 1933—ANNUAL CONVENTION of the American Water Works Association at Hotel Sherman, Chicago, Ill. Secretary, B. C. Little, 29 W. 39th St., New York, N. Y.